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SUBJECT: SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST

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1. AN EDITORIAL IN IZVESTIYA, OCTOBER 13, CELEBRATING THE ALL-UNIONDAY OF WORKERS IN AGRICULTURE, EXPRESSED OPTIMISM AND FOR THE FIRST TIME INDICATED THAT THIS YEAR'S HARVEST WILL REACH THE PLANNED LEVEL OF 197.4 MILLION TONS. BASED ON THIS ARTICLE AP ON OCTOBER 13 REPORTED FOLLOWING: "THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIYA PREDICATED SATURDAY NIGHT THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD HARVEST A RECORD 197.4 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN THIS YEAR, MEETING THE PLAN TARGET AND MAKING UP FOR LAST YEAR'S DISASTER....."

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS ON WHICH AP ARTICLE BASED: (1) "GRAIN PURCHASES IN THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE ARE SURPASSING LAT YEAR'S LEVEL. THERE IS CONFIDENCE THAT THE TASK OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PLAN REGARDING GROSS PRODUCTION AND STATE PURCHASES NOT ONLY WILL BE FULFILLED BUT OVERFULFILLED."

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(2) "TODAY OUR TASK WAS TO HARVEST NOT LESS THAN 197.4 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN. THAT LEVEL WILL BE TAKEN AND WILL BECOME THE NEW REFERENCE POINT IN GRAIN PRODUCTION."

3. COMMENT: IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN A SPEECH ON THE SAME OCCASION, REPORTED IN SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA, OCTOBER 13, SOVIET MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE D.S. POLYANSKIY EXPRESSED AN OPTIMISTIC BUT MORE CAUTIOUS VIEW ON THIS YEAR'S HARVEST WITHOUT CITING ANY PRODUCTION FIGURES. FOLLOWING IS POLYANSKIY'S REFERENCE TO THE HARVEST: "A GOOD HARVEST HAS BEEN PRODUCED ON LARGE AREAS. FINAL SUMMING UP HAS NOT BEEN DONE, BUT IT CAN ALREADY BE SAID THAT A HIGH HARVEST OF AGRICULTUREAL CROPS WILL BE GATHERED."

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